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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT

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1. ITALIAN MISSION CALLED MISOFF EVENING JULY 19 TO INFORM US OF ZAMBIAN ACTING PERMREP ZIMBA'S MEETING WITH SC PRESIDENT VINCI THAT AFTERNOON.

2. ACCORDING TO ITALIANS, ZIMBA DESCRIBED LATEST SOUTH AFRICAN ACT AS PRETORIA'S THIRTEENTH INFILTRATION OF ZAMBIA SINCE BEGINNING OF 1976. ZIMBA CHARACTERIZED LATEST ACT AS "WANTON AGGRESSION." HE CLAIMED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN HELICOPTERS AND OTHER AIRCRAFT HAD ENTERED ZAMBIAN AIR SPACE, AND THAT HELICOPTERS HAD LANDED AND DISCHARGED TROOPS BETWEEN 0300 AND 0700 HOURS LOCAL JULY 11. HE SAID THESE TROOPS HAD PLANTED MINES AROUND A ZAMBIAN VILLAGE NORTH OF CAPRIVI STRIP. ZAMBIAN TROOPS REPORTEDLY WERE KILLED BY MINES WHILE INVESTIGATING AREA LATER THAT DAY. ZIMBA STATED THAT A TOTAL OF 24 ZAMBIAN MILITARY AND CIVILIANS HAD

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BEEN KILLED; OVER 40 WOUNDED.

3. ZIMBA REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED THAT HIS COUNTRY HAD NOT ASKED FOR A MEETING EARLIER IN THE YEAR DUE TO MANY OTHER AFRICAN ITEMS APPEARING ON SC AGENDA. ZAMBIA, HE ADDED, REGRETS SOUTH AFRICAN ACT DEEPLY, FOR SINCE LUSAKA MANIFESTO, GOZ HAS SOUGHT A PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

4. ZIMBA CONFIRMED TO ITALIANS THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE COMING, AND ASKED FOR SC MEETING JULY 26. A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST HAS NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED.
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